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SUBJECT: SUMMARY REPORT OF POWERS' VISIT TO ROK

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATES TO RECENT VISIT OF JAMES A. POWERS, NRC, TO ROK FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SAFE-GUARDS MATTERS.
 2. POWERS' MAIN CONTACTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WERE DR. B. K. KANG, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEM, MOST, AND HIS ASSISTANT, MR. JOON-HO AHN. POWERS SPENT ONE DAY AT KOREA ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (KAERI). CONTACTS AT KAERI WERE DR. C. H. CHA AND DR. C. K. LEE. DETAILS OF KENNEDY/LAFLEUR VISIT HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED
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WHEN POWERS LEFT KOREA.

3. ROK SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM JUST BEING ESTABLISHED IN CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION. ASSISTANCE OF SOME MAGNITUDE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING ROK PROGRAM UP TO SPEED. POWERS PREPARED DRAFT MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING REGULATION FROM 10 CFR PART 70 AND A PROPOSED REGULATORY ORGANIZATION

STRUCTURE. POWERS SUGGESTED TWO ADDITIONAL VISITS THIS SUMMER TO ROK BY U.S. EXPERTS WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING PROGRAM. MR. AHN IS VISITING U.S. APRIL 23 TO MAY 20 AND WILL BE DEVOTING ALMOST 2 WEEKS OF THAT TIME TO MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING.

4. AT KAERI, CHA AND LEE VERY CONCERNED OVER SHUTDOWN STATUS OF TRIGA MARK III DUE TO FAILURE OF FUEL ELEMENTS. REPLACEMENT ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY ROK BUT STATUS OF REQUEST NOT KNOWN TO THEM.

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